

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority at the Bid Office - 2nd Floor, 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 60661-1498, no later than 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at which time all such bids will be opened publicly and read aloud:

Req No: B12OP01345, Spec. No. CTA 1425-11
Parts and Refurbishing Service for Magnetic Read/ Write Heads and Associated Hardware required for use with CTA Automated Fare Collection (AFC) Equipment, as required for period of up to (24) months from date of contract execution.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE

For additional information, please contact John Hegg,
Procurement Administrator, 312/681-2433.

Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

PLEASE NOTE: Where bids are sent by mail, delivery service or delivered in-person to the CTA Bid Office, the bidders shall be responsible for their delivery only to the Bid Office before the advertised date and hour for the opening of the bids. The Bid Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Chicago time, except holidays.

The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all bids.

All inquiries should be directed to and copies of bid documents obtained from the Bid Office - 2nd Floor, 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661-1498.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

By: Marina Popovic
Vice President, Purchasing &
Warehousing

February 28, 2012



PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR:

Parts and refurbishing service for magnetic read/write heads and associated hardware required for use with CTA Automated Fare Collection (AFC) equipment, as required for a period of up to 24 months from date of contract execution.

REQUISITION NO.: B12OP01345
DRAWING NO.: None
INSURANCE REQUIRED: None

SPECIFICATION NO.: CTA NO. 1425-11
PROJECT NO.: None
BID DEPOSIT AMOUNT: None

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

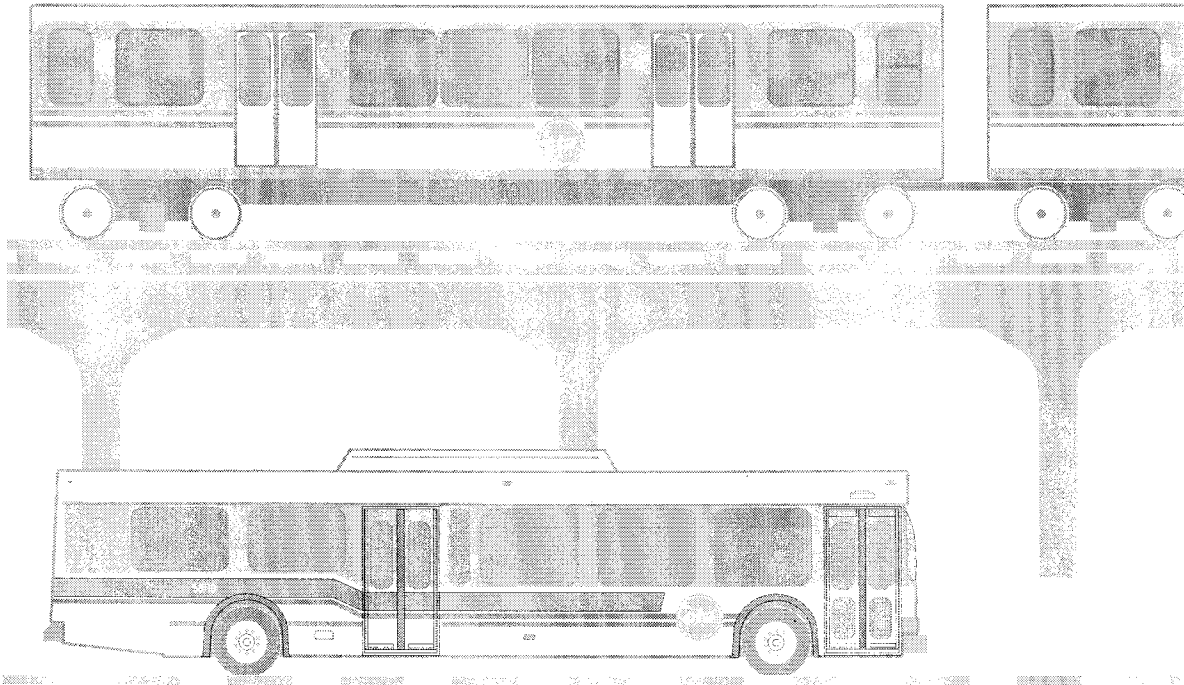
Procurement Administrator: John Hegg
Phone Number: (312) 681-2433 email: jhegg@transitchicago.com

BID PACKAGES TO BE RETURNED TO:

By Mail, Delivery Service or In Person Drop-off

**Chicago Transit Authority
Bid Office – 2nd Floor
567 W. Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60661-1465**

All Signatures to be sworn before a Notary Public



ISSUED BY
Purchasing Department
Chicago Transit Authority
567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661-1465
Marina Popovic, Vice-President, Purchasing & Warehousing
Forrest Claypool, President
Terry Peterson, Chairman

READ THIS PAGE BEFORE FILLING OUT BID PACKAGE

DOCUMENT PREPARATION

for Materials & Supplies

One (1) complete bid package is included. One (1) complete copy of this bid package is to be returned in a sealed envelope with the following on the cover: Bidder's name, Address, Title of the procurement including Requisition Number, and Advertised date and hour designated for the bid opening as shown on the advertisement. Returned copy must contain **original signatures**. CTA recommends that you make and retain one copy for your records.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- **DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULES B, C, & D** – *Schedules C and D must be filled out and signed by all bidders/DBE subs; Schedule B must also be filled out and signed if the bidder is a joint venture.* All information relative to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for this contract is outlined in the DBE Special Conditions section entitled, "*Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Commitment*".
- **GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET CONTRACT DBE GOAL** – If the contract DBE goal (if any) cannot be fully met through DBE participation on this contract, the bidder **must submit** a signed letter on its company letterhead and supporting documentation to show that all reasonable "Good Faith Efforts" were made toward fulfilling the required DBE goal. Please refer to "SPECIAL CONDITIONS -DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT" Good Faith Efforts (Section V or VI) for further details. Failure to document Good Faith Efforts to meet the contract DBE goal when the goal cannot be fully met through participation will result in a "Non-Responsive" (Disqualified) bid which will be ineligible for contract award.
- **BUY AMERICA CLAUSES** – Certificate of Compliance or Non-Compliance with Sections 165(a) and 165(b)(3). [Does not apply to Operating funded procurements, personal minicomputer purchases or purchases less than \$100,000.00.]
- **CERTIFICATION REGARDING A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**
- **CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANT REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS.** Two forms: PRIMARY and LOWER TIER (when applicable).
- **CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (LOBBYING CERTIFICATION)**

A NOTARIZED SIGNATURE by an authorized officer of your business must appear on one of the following Proposal Execution pages:

- **TO BE EXECUTED BY A CORPORATION**

The SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER, under Corporate Name must be President or Vice President. If signed by any other person, a resolution or by-law authorizing such person to execute a contract must accompany the Proposal.

Note – Name of Signatory in Notary is same name as Signature of Authorized Officer.

- **TO BE EXECUTED BY PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE**

Note – Name of Signatory in Notary is same name as first signature line – Partner.

- **TO BE EXECUTED BY SOLE PROPRIETOR**

Note – Name of Signatory in Notary is same name as Name of Bidder.

OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE – This document is required, failure to address this will cause a delay in the execution of the contract.

INSURANCE (when required) – The awarded contractor must provide **certified** copies of insurance policies in order to allow for contract execution. CTA is to be named an **additional insured**. This should be taken into consideration when submitting your bid.

Note: Questions on the Detail Specification must be in writing to the Procurement Administrator listed on the front of the bid document **no later than seven (7) calendar days prior** to the bid due date. After that, there will not be sufficient time for the Procurement Administrator to obtain responses to questions.

Failure to sign the documents listed above may result in your firm not being awarded the contract.

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The Contractor, in performing under this Contract, shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant or any member of the public, because of race, creed, color, age, sex ancestry, handicap or national origin, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The Contractor further agrees that this Article will be incorporated by the Contractor in all contracts entered into with suppliers of materials or services, contractors and subcontractors, and all labor organizations furnishing skilled, unskilled and craft union skilled labor, or who may perform any such labor or services in connection with the Contract.

The Contractor's attention is called to the provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

To demonstrate compliance, the Contractor and his subcontractors will furnish such reports and information as requested by Chicago Transit Authority or any Federal, State or local government or agencies that may require such information as a condition of financial assistance in whole or in part.

2. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

All parties are hereby notified that in regard to any contract resulting from this invitation to bid, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to participate, and will not be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

3. INDEMNIFICATION:

The contractor shall indemnify, keep and hold harmless the Chicago Transit Authority, its officers, employees and agents against all injuries, deaths, losses, damages, claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses, of whatever kind, including but not limited to attorney's fees, which may accrue against the Chicago Transit Authority, its officers, employees and agents arising out of, as a result of, or in consequence of the acts or omissions of the Contractor in furtherance of the contract, including acts or omissions of the Contractor's servants, employees, subcontractors, agents, or officers, in the performance of the work covered by the contract.

4. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT OR CONTRACT FUNDS:

No contracts shall be assigned or sublet in whole or in part without the written approval of the Purchasing Agent, and in no case shall such written approval relieve the Contractor from his obligations or change the terms of the Contract Documents.

The Contractor shall not transfer or assign any contract funds or claims due or to become due without the written approval of the Purchasing Agent having been first obtained.

5. GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES:

All guarantees and warranties required shall be furnished by the Contractor and shall be delivered to the Purchasing Agent or his designee before final payment on the contract is issued.

6. DELIVERY:

All materials shipped to the Chicago Transit Authority must be shipped F.O.B. destination location. Chicago Metropolitan Area, Illinois. If prior delivery notification is specified, arrangements must be made by the vendor with the Authority's designated receiving location at least 24 hours in advance to arrange for receipt of the materials. The material must then be delivered where directed and as agreed upon.

Unless otherwise specified or agreed upon, truck deliveries to locations other than 567 W. Lake will be accepted not earlier than 7:00 A.M. and not later than 3:00 P.M. on weekdays only. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays. Deliveries to 567 W. Lake shall be made between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., on weekdays only.

The quantity of material delivered by truck shall be ascertained from a weight certificate issued by a duly licensed Chicago Public Weigh-Master upon request. In the case of delivery by rail, weight will be ascertained from bill-of-lading from originating line, but the Authority reserves the right to re-weigh at the nearest available railroad scale.

7. DEMURRAGE AND RE-SPOTTING:

The Authority will be responsible for demurrage charges only when such charges accrue because of the Authority's failure to unload the material.

The Authority will pay railroad charges due to the re-spotting of cars, only when such re-spotting is ordered by the Authority.

8. MATERIALS INSPECTION AND RESPONSIBILITY:

The Purchasing Agent, or his designee, shall have a right to inspect any materials to be used in carrying out this contract.

The Authority does not assume any responsibility for the availability of any controlled materials or other materials and equipment required under this contract. All materials and equipment furnished under the contract shall be new, unless otherwise specifically stated.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the contracted quality and standards of all materials, components or completed work furnished under this contract.

Materials, components or completed work not complying therewith may be rejected by the Purchasing Agent or his designee and shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Authority.

Any materials or components rejected shall be removed within a reasonable time from the premises of the Authority, at the entire expense of the Contractor, after written notice has been mailed by the Authority to the Contractor that such materials or components have been rejected.

9. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF BEST PRICE:

In determining the best price, the Authority reserves the right to consider the bids in the following order of precedence:

- A. Firm fixed price or charge;
- B. Base price or charge plus escalation specified in Special Conditions, if any;
- C. Base price or charge plus maximum percent or dollar escalation.

In the event that a contract is awarded that includes an escalation provision, the Authority reserves the right to require evidence satisfactory to the Authority which justifies any and all price or charge increases provided under the escalation provision. Such evidence shall be requested in writing within ten (10) working days from receipt of invoices, clearly designating that part of the billing, which reflects the escalated price or charge.

10. PAYMENT:

Payment to Contractor shall be as specified in Special Conditions of this contract.

11. CASH BILLING DISCOUNT:

Cash Billing or percentage discount for payment of invoices within a specified period of time will **not** be considered by CTA in evaluating bids. When determining if it has earned a cash billing discount offered by the contractor, CTA will consider the date of the invoice plus two days for mailing or the date of receipt of the goods or services, whichever is later, and will end on the date the check is mailed in payment of the invoice. If a discount period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the discount periods will be extended to the next succeeding workday.

12. INVOICES:

Invoices must be sent to the Chicago Transit Authority, Accounts Payable, 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661-1465. Invoices must bear the order number and, if an annual contract, release number as issued. Invoices must not cover more than one order or release number.

13. PRICE REDUCTION:

If the Contractor to whom a contract has been awarded makes a general price reduction effective on or after the date of his bid in the comparable price of any material covered by the contract to customers generally, an equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to the contract for the duration of the contract period (or until the price is further reduced). Such price reductions shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction in the price to customers generally. For the purpose of this provision, a "general price reduction" shall mean any horizontal reduction in the price of an article or service offered—(1) to Contractor's customers generally, or (2) in the Contractor's price schedule for the class of customers, i.e., wholesalers, jobbers, retailers, etc., which was used as the basis for bidding on this contract. An occasional sale at a lower price, or sale of distressed merchandise at a lower price, would not be considered a "general price reduction" under this provision. The Contractor shall invoice the Authority as such reduced prices, indicating on the invoice that the reduction is pursuant to the "Price Reduction" provision of the Contract Documents. The Contractor, in addition, shall within ten (10) days of any general price reduction notify the Purchasing Agent of the Chicago Transit Authority of such reduction by letter. Failure to do so may require termination of this contract.

The Contractor, when required by the Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days after the end of the contract period, shall furnish a statement certifying either—(1) that no general price reduction, as defined herein, was made after the date of the bid or offer, or (2) if any such general price reductions were made, that, as provided herein, they were reported to the Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days, and the Authority was billed at the reduced prices. Where one or more such general price reductions were made, the statement furnished by the Contractor shall include, with respect to each price reduction,—(1) the date when notice of any such reduction was issued, (2) the effective date of the reduction, and (3) the date when the Purchasing Agent was notified of any such reduction.

14. DEFAULT:

(a)The Authority may, subject to the provision of Paragraph (c) below, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract in any one of the following circumstances:

- (i) if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or
- (ii) if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days (or such other period as the Purchasing Agent may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Purchasing Agent specifying such failure.

(b)In the event the Authority terminates this contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph (a) of this clause, the Authority may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Authority for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services. **Provided:** That the Contractor shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause.

(c)The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if acceptable evidence has been submitted to the Purchasing Agent that failure to perform the contract was due to causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

15. DISPUTES:

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of shall be decided after hearing by the Purchasing Agent who shall reduce his decision to writing. This decision shall be final and binding. A copy of the decision shall be communicated to the Contractor as herein provided.

16. EXECUTION:

All business which submit responses or bids and all businesses awarded contracts by the CTA are hereby notified that no contract, modification, amendment, change order or extension, if any, shall be effective, or in any way obligate the CTA, until it has been executed by the CTA signatory duly authorized by the CTA's Regulations, By Laws, and Procedures.

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDING AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received by the **CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, a Municipal Corporation, in accordance with the Contract Documents set forth herein.

1. DEFINITIONS:

The term "Authority" means the Chicago Transit Authority acting by and through the Chicago Transit Board or its duly authorized agent, servant or employee in connection with these Contract Documents. The term "Purchasing Agent" means the Purchasing Agent of the Chicago Transit Authority, whose duties and responsibilities are more particularly described in the "Purchase and Sales Regulations and Ordinances of the Chicago Transit Board," and the term "Designee" means any person or persons authorized by the Purchasing Agent to act for the Purchasing Agent in connection with this Contract. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:

The bidders shall at all times observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of the Federal, State, City, and other local government agencies, which may in any manner affect the preparation of bids or the performance of the Contract.

3. BID DEPOSIT:

A bid shall, when required in the advertisement, be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, a certified check, a money order or an approved bid bond in the amount shown in the advertisement, and as may be prescribed in the Contract Documents.

All certified, cashier's checks or money orders shall be drawn on a responsible organization doing business in the United States and shall be made payable to the order of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Any bid bond submitted must reference the specific CTA inquiry numbers and have an Alfred M. Best Company "B+" Policyholders Rating and an "X" Financial Rating or better.

The period of the bond must be for not less than ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

4. PREPARATION OF BID:

The bidder shall prepare his bid in DUPLICATE on the attached bidding forms, submit one (1) copy and retain one (1) for your records. Unless otherwise stated on the bidding form, all blank spaces on the bid, applicable to the subject specification, must be correctly filled in. Either a unit price or a lump sum price, as the case may be, must be stated for each and every item, either typed in or written in ink, in figures, and if required, in words.

If bidder is a Corporation, the President or Vice-President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall execute both copies of the bid. The Corporation shall affix its seal to both copies. In the event that this bid is executed by someone other than the President or Vice-President, a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or resolution of the Corporation which permits the person to execute the offer for the Corporation shall be furnished with the bid.

If bidder is a Partnership or Joint-Venture, all partners or joint-ventures shall execute both copies of the bids unless one partner or joint-venture has been authorized to sign for the Partnership or Joint-Venture, in which case, evidence of such authority satisfactory to the Purchasing Agent shall be submitted with the bid.

If bidder is a Sole Proprietor, he shall execute both copies of the bid.

A "Partnership," "Joint-Venture" or "Sole Proprietor" operating under an Assumed Name must be registered with the Illinois County in which located, as provided in the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405 et seq., as amended.

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE SWORN TO BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC

5. SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

All prospective bidders shall submit **ONE (1) SEALED BID** in the envelope provided for that purpose to the CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY, Bid Office – 2nd Floor, 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661-1465; or, if the bid is submitted in an envelope other than those so provided for this purpose, then the sealed envelope submitted by the prospective bidder shall carry the following information on the face of the envelope: **bidder's name, address, subject matter of bid, including identifying numbers, advertised date of bid opening, and the hour designated for the bid opening as shown on the advertisement.**

Where bids are sent by mail to the CTA Bid Office, the bidders shall be responsible for their delivery to the Bid Office before the advertised date and hour for the opening of bids. If the mail is delayed beyond the date and hour set for the bid opening, bids thus delayed will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

Where bids are sent by delivery service or delivered in-person to the CTA Bid Office, the bidders shall be responsible for their delivery to the Bid Office before the advertised date and hour for the opening of bids. If the delivery of the bid is delayed beyond the date and hour set for the bid opening, bids thus delayed will not be considered and will be returned unopened. The Bid Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Chicago time, except holidays.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bidders may withdraw their bids at any time prior to the date and hour specified in the advertisement for the receipt of bids. However, no bidder shall withdraw or cancel his bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after said advertised date and hour for the receipt of bids.

7. RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDER:

The Authority reserves the right to refuse to accept any bid from any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to the Chicago Transit Authority upon any debt or contract, or that is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligations to the Authority, or had failed to perform faithfully any previous contract with the Authority.

The bidder, if requested, must present within two (2) working days, evidence satisfactory to the Purchasing Agent or his designee, of performance ability and possession of necessary facilities, pecuniary resources and adequate insurance to comply with the terms of these specifications and Contract Documents.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS:

The Authority reserves the right to extend the bid opening date and to reject any or all bids or any part thereof. The Authority further reserves the right to excuse informalities in the bids and bidding when, in the judgment of the Authority, the best interests of the Authority will be served and the spirit of competition will be maintained.

9. NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS:

The Authority reserves the right to reject all bids received and negotiate a contract with any an all responsible bidders, if the bids received are at unreasonable prices but otherwise acceptable, or for other reasons determined to be clearly in the public's best interest and in accordance with established guidelines.

In the event that negotiations are conducted, the Authority or its duly authorized representative shall have the right to examine and audit books, records, documents and other evidence and accounting procedures and practices, sufficient to reflect properly all costs claimed to have been incurred or anticipated in performing this contract. The Contractor agrees to include in first-tier subcontracts under this contract a clause to the effect that the Authority or duly authorized representatives have access to and the right to examine any of the subcontractor's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to the subcontract.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

The Authority will accept in writing one or more of the bids or reject all bids within ninety (90) days from the date of opening the bids, unless the lowest responsible bidder, upon request of the Purchasing Agent or his designee, extend the time of acceptance.

The contract shall not be in force and effect until the Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Transit Authority, or his designee, has affixed his signature to the Contract Document.

11. PERFORMANCE-PAYMENT BOND AND INSURANCE:

When required by the Contract Documents, the successful bidder or bidders shall, within ten (10) working days after acceptance of the bid by the Authority, furnish a performance-payment bond in the full amount of the contract on an approved American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) bond form and/or furnish and keep in force, during the life of the contract, any and all insurance in amounts designated, as provided in the Insurance Requirements, form CTA 415.27 (Revised) attached hereto, with insurance companies acceptable to the Chicago Transit Authority. Any insurance company with less than a (B+) policyholder rating by Alfred M. Best Co. will not be acceptable to the Chicago Transit Authority.

12. FAILURE TO FURNISH BOND OR INSURANCE:

In the event that the bidder fails to furnish the performance-payment bond and/or insurance requirements in said period of ten (10) working days after acceptance of the bid, then, the bid deposit of the bidder may be retained by the Authority. This bid deposit may be used as liquidated damages, not as a penalty, to partially cover costs and losses by the Authority.

13. INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

If any person contemplating submitting a bid is in doubt as to the meaning of any part of the Contract Documents, he may submit to the Purchasing Agent a written request for an interpretation thereof. The person submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any interpretation of the proposed documents will be made only by Addendum duly issued by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. A copy of such addendum will be mailed or delivered to each person receiving a set of such Contract Documents and to such other prospective bidders as shall have requested that they be furnished with a copy of each Addendum. Failure on the part of the prospective bidder to receive a written interpretation prior to the time of the opening of bids will not be grounds for withdrawal of bid. Oral explanation will not be binding. **Bidder must acknowledge receipt of each addendum issued in space provided on the signature page of Bid Documents.**

14. CATALOGS:

Subsequent to bid opening, when requested by the Purchasing Agent or his designee, each bidder shall submit in **DUPLICATE**, catalogs, descriptive literature, and detailed drawings, fully detailing features, designs, construction, appointments, and finishes, necessary to fully describe the material or work he proposes to furnish. This information will be furnished to the Authority within ten (10) calendar days from date of request. Failure to furnish this information may result in the disqualification of the Bid.

15. TRADE NAMES:

In cases where an item is identified by a manufacturer's name, trade name, catalog number, or reference, it is understood that the bidder proposes to furnish the item so identified and does not propose to furnish an "equal" unless the proposed "equal" is definitely indicated by the bid.

The reference to the manufacturer's name, trade name, catalog number, or reference, is intended to be descriptive but not restrictive and only to indicate to the prospective bidder articles that will be satisfactory. Bids on other makes and catalogs will be considered, provided each bidder clearly states on the face of his bid exactly what he proposes to furnish, or forwards with the bid, a cut, illustration, or other descriptive matter which will clearly indicate the character of the article covered by his bid.

The Purchasing Agent, or his designee, hereby reserves the right to approve an "equal" or to reject as not being an "equal," any article the bidder proposes to furnish which contains variations from specification requirements.

16. RETURN OF BID DEPOSIT:

The bid deposit of all bidders, except the two apparent lowest bidders on each contract, will be returned within ten (10) calendar days after the opening of bids. The bid deposit of the two apparent lowest bidders will be returned after the bid has been accepted by the Authority including the acceptance by the Authority of satisfactory performance-payment bond and/or insurance where such bond or insurance are required.

Within 10 days after the date of opening of bids a bidder may request that a bid bond be substituted for the bid deposit. The Manager, Material Management, may allow substitution of a bid deposit upon application in writing to the Manager, Materials Management, and submittal of a bid bond in an amount equal to the bid deposit. Any bid bond submitted must reference the specific CTA inquiry number and have an Alfred M. Best Company "B+" Policyholders Rating and an "X" Financial Rating.

The period of the bond must be for not less than ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

17. TAXES:

Federal Excise Tax does not apply to materials purchased by the Chicago Transit Authority by virtue of Exemption Certificate No. 36-73-0234K. Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, Use Tax, and Municipal Retailers' Occupational Tax does not apply to materials or services purchased by the Authority by virtue of Statute Chapter 111 2/3 and Section 333, Illinois Revised Statutes as amended. These taxes shall not be included in any of the prices quoted herein. Illinois Tax Exemption Identification number is E9978-2987-05. The prices quoted herein shall agree with all Federal Laws and Regulations.

18. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF COMPONENT PARTS OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The order of precedence of the component parts of the Contract Documents shall be as follows:

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| 1. General Conditions | 6. Bid and Signature and Acceptance forms |
| 2. Special Conditions | 7. Advertisement for Bids |
| 3. Plans and Drawings, if any | 8. Instructions to Bidders |
| 4. Detailed Specifications | 9. Bond, if required |
| 5. Standard Requirements of State and Federal Government, if any | 10. Insurance, if required |

Any Addenda, which may be issued, shall be a part of these Contract Documents and shall take precedence over any other part of the Contract Documents wherever they conflict therewith.

The foregoing order of precedence shall govern the interpretation of the Contract Documents in all cases of conflict or inconsistency therein, except as may be otherwise expressly provided in other component parts of the Contract Documents.

19. NOTICE:

All communications and notices provided herein shall be in writing, delivered personally or by mail, to the name and address of the accepted bidder as provided on the signature page of the bid hereof, or to the Chicago Transit Authority. Attention, Purchasing Agent. 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661-1465.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
REQUISITION NUMBER: B12OP01345**

I. POLICY AND TERMS

- A. The policy of the Chicago Transit Authority is to create a level playing field on which Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as defined in United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Regulation 49 C.F.R. Part 26.
- B. The Authority has established the following DBE participation goal for this project:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal: 0%

- C. The DBE participation goal shall be expressed as a percentage of the total contract price. However, in the event this is a revenue generating contract, the DBE participation goal is based on the bidder's operating expenses and not on the total anticipated revenue to be generated by the contract. The bidder may also meet the goal by showing good faith efforts to meet the goal as described in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and as set forth in Section V below. **Any evidence of good faith efforts must be submitted with the sealed bid or the bid will be rejected in its entirety.**
- D. The DBE participation goal shall apply to the total dollar value of this contract, inclusive of all amendments, modifications, options, and change orders. The bidder agrees to make its best effort to include DBE participation in any contract modification work.
- E. The goal may be met, as further explained in Section IV hereof, by the bidder's status as a DBE, by a joint venture with one or more DBEs, by subcontracting a portion of the work to one or more DBEs, by the purchase of materials used in the performance of the contract from one or more DBEs or by any combination of the above or through a showing of good faith efforts as defined in Section V hereof.
- F. **A bidder who fails to meet the DBE goal and fails to demonstrate sufficient and reasonable good faith efforts shall not be eligible to be awarded the contract. All documentation of good faith efforts by a bidder must be included in the envelope or package containing the bid.**
- G. The Authority prohibits agreements between a bidder and a DBE in which the DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other bidders.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **"Area of Specialty"** means the description of the DBE's business, which has been determined by the General Manager, DBE Program, to be most reflective of the DBE's claimed specialty or expertise. Credit toward the DBE participation goal for this contract shall be limited to the participation of firms performing within their Area of Specialty. The Authority reserves the right to investigate and determine active DBE participation and applicable DBE credit specifically identified for this contract prior to award.

NOTICE: The Authority does not make any representations concerning the ability of any DBE to perform work within its Area of Specialty. It is the responsibility of the bidder to determine the capability and capacity of the DBE firms to satisfactorily perform the work proposed.

- B. **"Bid"** includes the following Authority purchasing requests: Invitation for Bids (IFB).
- C. **"Bidder"** includes bidders and contractors. The terms "Bidder" and "Contractor" may be used interchangeably in these Special Conditions.
- D. **"Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" or "DBE"** means a small business certified by the Illinois Universal Certification Program (IL UCP) as a business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in accordance with USDOT Regulation 49 CFR, Part 26.
- E. **"Directory"** means the Directory of Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises maintained and published by IL UCP and entitled the "IL UCP DBE Directory." The directory will be available on the Authority's web site. Bidders are responsible for verifying the current certification status of all proposed DBE's.
- F. **"Good Faith Efforts"** means efforts to achieve a DBE contract goal as specified in 49 CFR, Part 26 and Section V hereof.
- G. **"IL UCP"** means the Illinois Unified Certification Program.
- H. **"Joint Venture"** means an association of two or more businesses to carry out a single business enterprise for profit, and for which purpose they combine their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge. Bidders may develop joint venture agreements as an instrument to provide participation by DBEs in contract work. A joint venture seeking to be credited for DBE participation may be formed among DBE firms or between a DBE firm and non-DBE firm.

In order to qualify for credit as a DBE, the DBE must be responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work and the DBE must share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the joint venture commensurate with its ownership interest.
- I. **"Purchasing Agent"** means the Authority employee who holds the position of General Manager, Purchasing, or the successor position.
- J. **"Small Business Concern"** means a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto except that a small business concern shall not include any concern or groups of concerns controlled by the same socially and economically disadvantaged individual or individuals which has annual average gross receipts in excess of \$22.41 million, or as revised from time to time, over the three (3) previous fiscal years.
- K. **"Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals"** means any individual who is a citizen of the United States (or lawfully admitted permanent residents) and who is in the following groups, the members of which are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged:

1. **"Black Americans"**, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
2. **"Hispanic Americans"**, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;
3. **"Native Americans"**, which includes persons who are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians;
4. **"Asian-Pacific Americans"**, which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific (Republic of Palau), and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Jauvlu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia or Hong Kong; and
5. **"Subcontinent Asian Americans"**, which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka.
6. **"Women"**
7. Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the SBA, at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

The General Manager, DBE Program, may determine on a case-by-case basis that individuals who are not members of one of the above-listed groups are socially and economically disadvantaged.

L. **"USDOT" or "DOT"** refers to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

III. JOINT VENTURES

The General Manager, DBE Program, will evaluate the joint venture agreement submitted on behalf of the proposed joint venture and all related documents to determine whether these DBE requirements have been satisfied. In addition, the General Manager, DBE Program, will consider the record of the joint venturers as joint venturers on other Authority contracts, if any.

NOTE: DBE/non-DBE joint ventures are creditable at any tier. Whenever a joint venture is proposed as the prime Contractor, Authority requires that each joint venturer sign the bid submitted to the Authority.

IV. COUNTING DBE PARTICIPATION TOWARD THE CONTRACT GOAL

The inclusion of any DBE by the bidder in its bid documents shall not conclusively establish the bidder's eligibility for full DBE credit for the firm's participation in the contract. The amount of DBE participation credit shall be based upon an analysis by the General Manager, DBE Program, of the specific duties which will be performed by the DBE.